

NO PEACE TERMS TODAY WIFE WILL TAKE STAND

Movement Denounced as a "Sham" and Intended for the Discontented Teuton Populace.

Copenhagen, May 3.—The speech which was to have been made at the reichstag by Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, on peace and internal relations, has been postponed to a more fitting occasion, according to word received here.

The situation, as reported in a dispatch from Berlin, appears to be as follows:

At a caucus of the majority socialists in the reichstag, the group that supports the policy of not embarrassing the chancellor and the government, it was decided to defer an interpellation that had been proposed regarding Germany's peace plans until a more suitable occasion. The interpellation was to have been made today.

It is now expected that debate upon the political situation, together with the chancellor's speech, will probably be postponed until the third reading of the finance measures.

(Authentic news from Germany has been so meager of late that it is difficult to judge what developments either internal or external, may have induced the chancellor to alter his reported decision to make another announcement regarding Germany's international relations and possibly her definite war aims.)

London, May 3.—According to Amsterdam dispatches considerable importance is attached to the visits that Talaat Pasha, the Turkish grand vizier, is paying the central powers. Correspondents say that after seeing Emperor William and Field Marshal von Hindenburg at German headquarters he went to Munich and conferred with King Ludwig and the Bavarian ministers. Later he went to Vienna where he is said to have discussed the prospects of peace and concessions regarding the Dardanelles with Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

The Turkish premier's visit to Vienna at the moment when Count von Zeppelin, the Bavarian prime minister, was there is considered to be especially significant.

Washington, May 3.—British, French and American officials here yesterday denounced as a "sham" the reported move for peace by Germany. It was made plain that should such a movement be made along the lines followed by the imperial government during its initial request for a peace convention, it would receive scant consideration by the entente allies and the United States.

That such a movement will be made within the near future was considered uncertain here last night. In face of the denials by certain German newspapers of the earlier Berlin story that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg would reveal Germany's peace terms in an address in the reichstag today, officials here believed that the Chancellor had changed his plans after learning that no "imperfect peace" would be considered by his enemies.

Any expression of a desire for peace by Germany at this time would be insincere, and meant for "home consumption" only, officials believed yesterday.

"The purpose of the German government is to keep the German people in the belief that the war will last only a little while longer," one American official stated, and continued:

"The German government is leading the people along by false hopes of an early ending of the war in much the same manner that a mule might be coaxed along by walking along in front of him with straw."

The real reason Germany has never publicly recognized that a state of war exists with the United States is that the German people would then recognize that an early peace is impossible without the downfall of the German autocracy, State Department officials said yesterday. Thus do officials account for the reported order of the German government that American citizens still in Germany be removed from the list of enemy aliens.

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Mrs. Vawter Will Testify in Interest of Her Husband Who Killed Young Heth

Christiansburg, Va., May 3.—Confronted by the crushing blow of Vawter's letter offering his wife for sale in exchange for payment of a whisky bill, the defense suddenly changed all its plans today in the trial of Charles E. Vawter, Virginia Polytechnic Institute professor, for the murder of Stockton Heth, Jr., and laid the ground work for a plea of insanity.

Christiansburg, Va., May 3.—Not for many years has a jury in Virginia listened to anything as sensational as the evidence that was brought out here yesterday in the trial of Prof. C. E. Vawter, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, for the killing in his home on the night of March 12, of Stockton Heth, Jr., his intimate friend and close associate.

Professor Vawter himself took the stand and told a story of the shooting which showed that, to the plea of justification under the "unwritten law," which was outlined by his counsel at the opening of the case yesterday, will be added the plea of self-defense.

Throughout the day surprises followed each other in such rapid succession that those who tried to analyze the testimony found their heads in a whirl and themselves completely lost as to what finally is going to be the real truth of the situation.

The first impression gained was that Professor Vawter had shot Heth for violating the sanctity of his home.

Then followed the reading of a letter which, it will be contended, shows that, while the Professor believed Heth had been intimate with Mrs. Vawter, he had condoned, if not encouraged, such intimacy.

Professor Vawter denies that such an interpretation should be placed upon the letter referred to. Nevertheless, the general impression was that the prosecution had scored a strong point when it placed the letter in evidence and forced Professor Vawter to admit that he had written it, even if later he did declare that the statements in it were for the most part false and that he was either drunk or crazy when he wrote it.

During his testimony Professor Vawter repeated over and over again that he had loved the man he killed like a brother, that he had trusted him completely, and that though on at least two occasions previous to the night of the shooting he had reasons to suspect Heth and Mrs. Vawter were intimate, he had allowed himself to be persuaded that he was wrong and had done his wife and his friend a grave injustice.

But that night, he declared, he had seen Mrs. Vawter run out of Heth's room into another room across the hall, had seen by the light of a match a look on her face that he could never forget, and, driven to desperation, had

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BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT.

For the Children's Free Ward in the Alexandria Hospital.

Arrangements have been completed for the musicale to be given tonight at 8 o'clock in the Young People's building for the benefit of the children's free ward in the hospital. Every effort has been made to have the affair a complete success from all standpoints and the following program insures the artistic success of the entertainment:

Piano duet—Grand Valse (J. Schull) Miss Ella Hill and Mrs. Fredrick P. Russell.

The Flag (W. Mason) Miss Julia Duncan.

Vocal solo—(Selected) Mr. Wilmer Joyce Waller.

Vocal solo—"Where My Caravan has Rested (Lohr) Mrs. Robert F. Downham.

Monologue—Miss Julia Duncan.

Vocal quartette—Bridal chorus from the Rosemaiden (Cowan) Mrs. Harrie White, Mrs. Sherman Bruce Fowler, Mr. Kenneth W. Ogden and Mr. Wilmer Joyce Waller.

"The Star Spangled Banner."

Accompanists—Miss Ella Hill, Mrs. Frederick P. Russell and Mr. Sherman Bruce Fowler.

During the evening the original famous Vawter's caramels will be sold by a number of young ladies.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The weekly prayer meeting in the Anne Lee Memorial Home for the Aged tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, will be led by Mrs. J. H. Van Ness, of the Free Methodist Church.

Mr. T. Deal Sale, of Richmond, has been the guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Warfield, at their home in The Herndon.

The Shriners of the city will hold a meeting in the Masonic Temple on Monday evening next for the purpose of arranging for a Ceremonial session to be held here during the present month.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Breen who have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Anna Breen, at her home, 219 south Lee street, have returned to their home in Bloomington, Illinois.

H. S. Marine, manufacturer of boys' pants, at 317 King street, has given his employees an increase of ten per cent in wages. He opened his factory here last last fall and the business has shown a steady growth since that time.

Ensign Dean Rodger Van Kirk, Naval Battalion U. S. D.C., who was killed in Pensacola yesterday by the falling of his plane, was known to many people in this city because of his being chosen to demonstrate the tandem biplane which was built in the Old Pioneer Mill here.

The city school board will hold a meeting this evening to consider the regular routine business for the month. It is said there is no truth in the report to the effect that the board will be asked to give its permission for the free use of the land about the school buildings for gardening purposes, for the reason that a sufficient amount of land has already been donated in the city for all that will make use of it.

GET OUT AND HOE A GARDEN.

It Will be Good for Your Health as Well as Your Pocketbook.

The country would be safeguarded against deficiency of foodstuffs if every able-bodied man and woman in and around villages, towns and cities could cultivate all the available vacant plots, according to Hon. Myron T. Herrick, member of the National Emergency Food Garden Commission. He declares that the production of food from these sources would assure abundance of food for all our needs.

"It is the duty of all to get busy," he said today. "If you cannot go to the front, get out in the backyard and hoe."

Aside from the patriotic side to this work, Mr. Herrick explained the good returns that can be realized by the planter on this kind of investment.

One of the most wonderful successes through the cultivation of small plots mentioned by Mr. Herrick was the case of John S. Ware, of Bridgeton, N. J., who produced more than \$2,100 worth of vegetables on one and one-eighth acres of ground not counting what was used by his family.

Bridgeton is less than one-half day by freight from New York city. If all the farm land and vacant city lots within that distance of the metropolis were cultivated, New York would have foodstuffs produced practically at its very doors in sufficient quantity not only for the needs of its millions, but also with a surplus to send to the hard-pressed people across the Atlantic, according to Mr. Herrick.

Mr. Ware's example has been followed by others in Bridgeton until the town has become the center of a veritable garden spot. This outdoor life, besides being profitable, brings health and longevity.

Mr. Herrick suggests that one-fourth of an acre would be the proper amount of land to cultivate for a man who has office hours to keep.

"Full of life," shrubs and grape vines, 5 and 10c. Elliott.

Fish! Fish! Fish!—Roe shad, buck shad, large white perch, Spanish mackerel, steak tile fish, salt water crockers, Jersey trout, clams and snapping turtles. Sanitary Fish Market, City Market, Phone 735. Open until 5 o'clock.

Miss P. R. Henderson, of 713 Cameron street, left today for Bluemont, Virginia, where she will be the guest of friends.

The "Polite Vaudeville" to be given Friday evening, May 11, in the Opera House for the benefit of the balance due on the night school fund, will be in charge of Mr. Wesley Peckham, who, with a party of young people, is running a three day "Circus" in St. Stephen's Hall, Washington, this week.

The Knights of Pythias expect to dedicate their new temple in September. The repairs on the building, located on the north side of Cameron street, between Royal and Fairfax, are being pushed as rapidly as possible, and it is hoped may be sufficiently completed for use sometime next month.

The state convention of the Travelers' Protective Association will meet in Petersburg tomorrow, Friday, and Saturday and Post F. of this city, will be represented by Messrs. M. L. Price, A. D. Brockett, O. H. Kirk, R. E. Knight, C. C. Lamond, V. W. Boswell, W. N. Lindsey, Richard Gibson, Harvey Henshaw, T. A. Sommers, W. H. T. Brooke, J. William May and Hunt Russell.

Miss Lyford, of Washington, gave an address on home economics before the Alexandria Teachers' association yesterday afternoon. It was of a most interesting and instructive character and highly appreciated by the large number of teachers present. At a subsequent meeting of the association it was decided to hold the May Pageant on Friday, May 18th, it will be of a patriotic nature, characters representing Mr. Columbia and Miss Columbia to have prominent parts in the parade. Contests will be held for the selection of the boy and girl who are to take the parts previous to the date named.

BIG CONCERNS TO HELP.

Railroads and Other Corporations Giving Use of Men and Land.

The corporations of the country are doing their bit to help the campaign of the National Emergency Food Garden Commission for a million food gardens in this country. Requests are coming in to Charles Lathrop Pack, the president, from big and little concerns all over the country for information on how to start a food garden.

"In hundreds of cases" said President Pack today, "business concerns are giving the use of land to employees; engaging experts to oversee the work and furnishing seeds and implements. In many cases railroads are releasing their men with pay to get the work started."

"Among the corporations with which we have had correspondence are the International Paper Company, Pennsylvania Railroad, the Erie, the D. L. and W., and scores of others but I just give these as an example. The Pennsylvania has made arrangements whereby any employee east of Pittsburgh and Erie can obtain permission to use parts of the right of way for garden purposes."

"The D. L. and W. and the Erie are giving similar support to this nation wide campaign. The D. L. and W. has agreed to release between five and six thousand track men with pay to farmers in its territory during the summer as they may be needed and can be spared."

"Authority has been given by the Erie to allow employees, farmers or others outside the company's service to use free of charge land owned by the company that is fit for agricultural uses."

"The International Paper Company has sent out a bulletin to all foremen and managers offering its vacant land, if available for gardening to employees. The company will divide the land into plots for the men and help them in the work."

Maryland spring chickens at Rammel's cafe.

Two-quart tin coffee pot, special, 10c. Elliott.

Fish, Clams, Oysters, Crabs, at Phone 307J. J. BRILL No. 2 King St.

Deviled Crabs, Little neck clams and clam chowder at Rammel's Cafe.

Mrs. J. M. Dickerson and Mrs. Charles E. Woomert left for Richmond today, where they will visit friends.

The members of the Girl's Club who have enrolled in the class for Red Cross First Aid, with Dr. George T. Klipstein as instructor, will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the club room, 921 King street for the class organization.

Albert V. Leonard, settlement agent of the United States Reclamation Service, has resigned to become connected with the Wirebonds Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, effective May 1, 1917. Pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Leonard's position, Elmer J. McIntosh, of this city, has been called from the West and will assume charge of the Chicago office as acting settlement agent.

A petition for limited divorce was filed in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia yesterday by Mrs. Irene A. Ries from Edward M. Ries, to whom she says she was married February at Alexandria. Until March 28 the couple lived in an apartment at 327 Eleventh street northeast, Washington. On that day Mrs. Ries says her husband informed her "she would have to get out and go back to her mother," as he did not intend to live with her longer, was going back to Alexandria and institute proceedings for a separation. The petitioner says the defendant promised to support her and subsequent to their parting "sent her \$1 by a mutual friend." Mrs. Ries says her husband is a baker and earns more than \$100 a month. The record in the Corporation Clerk's office shows that the couple were married here on the date stated by the Rev. Wm. J. Morton.

CRY FOR BREAD AND PEACE.

Austrians Demand Peace Minus Annexations or Indemnities.

London, May 3.—Work stopped completely throughout Austria-Hungary on May day, according to wireless dispatches from Berne. All of the Vienna munition workers gathered at 60 mass meetings where the food question and the need of immediate peace were the chief topics.

Identical resolutions were passed at all the meetings, demanding peace without annexations or indemnities. One resolution "glorified the Russian revolution, and appealed to socialists of Russia to conclude peace with their German and Austrian brothers."

A procession of 100,000 men and women marched along the Ringstrasse and from there to the Prater, Vienna's great pleasure park, where a fête was held. The dispatches say that there was no disorder throughout the day.

In Hungary a holiday was observed in all the towns. The socialists paraded in Budapest, singing labor songs, with frequent shouts for peace and bread.

A Stockholm dispatch says that the greatest socialist demonstration ever seen in Scandinavia was held throughout Sweden on May day. The demonstration was brought to a peaceful conclusion, although the result had been anticipated with anxiety and nervousness.

Great crowds assembled in the streets of Stockholm, carrying banners with inscriptions demanding more food and better conditions of life. Hundreds of children with peace banners participated and order was maintained by special police appointed by the workers.

Shrine Notice

There will be a meeting of Nobles at the Masonic Temple, on Monday evening, May 7th, at 8 o'clock, to make arrangements for a Ceremonial Session to be held in Alexandria during the month of May. All Nobles are invited.
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FIGHTS FOR KAISERDOM GARDEN CULTIVATION

President of German Reichstag Defies the World.

Amsterdam, May 3.—The German Reichstag resumed its session yesterday. The President of the Chamber, Dr. Johannes Kaempf, in his opening address, speaking of the entry of the United States into the war, said a new and mighty opponent had joined the ranks of Germany's enemies. President Wilson, in a message to Congress on April 2, he declared, said he was waging war against the Germans in the interest of mankind and on the ground of justice.

President Wilson, Dr. Kaempf continued, had lost his sight in making this assertion, since he had not stirred a finger to hinder England when England announced her war of starvation against Germany, a war in violation of all human and international rights; President Wilson had lost his sight when he rejected the German proposal to secure the lives of Americans on American vessels in certain routes, which carried no contraband, and by his rejection exposed his own compatriots to danger and death.

"President Wilson," said Dr. Kaempf, "represents the German people as without will of their own and as having been driven into the war by a group of ambitious people, but he tells nothing of the long years of encirclement and machinations against them; nothing of the enemies' recently strongly expressed will to destroy Germany."

"The German people rose in August 1914, as one man, and still fight today to defend their freedom, independence and life. President Wilson says he has no quarrel with the German people, for whom he only entertains sympathy and friendship."

"President Wilson desired by his message to sow discord in Germany. As President of the German Reichstag, which is elected on the freest franchise in the world, I declare that this effort will come to naught; that it will have no influence on the common sense of our people, and that President Wilson will bite granite."

This remark evoked thunderous applause.

"With our truest heart's blood we established the German Kaiserdom, and with our truest heart's blood we shall fight for the Kaiser and the Empire (renewed applause). What our forefathers fought for and longed for, what we have achieved on the battlefield, will not perish even at President Wilson's word of command."

"We decline all interference by a foreign government in our internal affairs."

"If all signs are not misleading the decisive points of the world's war is approaching. We see our death-defying troops, withstanding the enemy's assault. Our U-boats will show England how Germans can avenge her nefarious starvation war. We proved recently our financial strength by a sixth war loan. We adhere to our firm belief in Germany's star and in a peace which will secure for all time the Fatherland's happy development."

There was a fresh outburst of applause as Dr. Kaempf, concluded, and the chamber then proceeded to the second reading of the budget.

W. M. Priest will have for sale a barrel of small smoked hams at 25 cents a pound, on Friday and Saturday, May 4th and 5th, 300 north Patrick street. 104-3t

Notice to our Patrons.

We the undersigned, barbers of Alexandria find it absolutely necessary to change our prices on shaving to fifteen cents. We beg to say to our friends that we are about the last in the state or states to be forced into changing our price. We regret the necessity, but the high cost of living, and shop supplies forces us against our wishes, to take this step. For the past year every article we use has advanced far beyond the original price.

This change will take effect, Monday May 7th, 1917.

We will also close at seven o'clock, except Saturdays.

Signed:
M. B. Shifflet, F. L. Plitt,
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Suggestions Concerning the Planting and Growing of Beans Offered by the Committee on Gardens.

Amateurs gardeners in Alexandria who are anxious to learn all they can about the work may be able to get some information in regard to the planting and cultivation of beans, from the following suggestions submitted by the committee on garden culture:

Beans.

Why not plant beans? They are among the most edible and nutritious of all foods and they must be grown. The farmer needs help and, of all ways, this is the one in which you can help. Plant beans!

Soil.

The average garden that will grow anything will grow beans. The soil must not be too heavy or too light. It must be well drained. Beans cannot stand wet feet (roots.) If the ground is too wet when the beans are planted it will be impossible to get any returns.

Seeds.

Buy your seed for pole or bush lima beans from a reliable seed man. Poor seed will give you a poor stand and will be easy prey for disease and the attacks of insects.

Planting.

Now, or as soon as the ground is dry, is the time to plant seed. In small gardens bush beans should be in rows twenty-four inches apart and pole beans in rows thirty-six inches apart. The seed should be planted from one to two inches deep and the rows look best when they are kept straight. One half pint of seed for bush beans or one quarter pint of seed for pole beans will plant a row fifty feet long. You should hill the soil, using manure or fertilizer, to add to its productiveness.

Weeding.

You must keep the weeds away and the ground mealy. This will give your plant a chance to get moisture. In weeding you must be careful not to injure the sprouting seed.

Yield.

Careful attention to this advice and the use of judgment and work in the garden will give you a supply of beans about July 1st. Should you be successful in growing more than enough to supply your table during the summer you can dry the surplus and put them away for winter use. There are a great many different kinds of beans that can be grown to advantage in small gardens besides lima or butter beans, but these are among the most productive kinds, and as the above very instructive article was kindly furnished the committee, they thought it well to publish it in this column.

The committee would like to call attention to one of the don'ts which was furnished by the Maryland State Board of Agriculture, and which appeared in this column yesterday and read as follows: "Do not spread fertilizer, but sow in rows." While the committee does not want to disagree with such high authority as the Maryland State Board of Agriculture, yet they feel that this is a serious mistake, and if the seed and fertilizer are sown in a row together, the fertilizer will unquestionably injure the germination of the seed.

PROFESSORS TO WORK.

Joining Farm Club to Till the Soil.

Charlottesville, May 3.—A Farm Club with a membership fee to pay for tools and seed has been organized by the professors of the University of Virginia. Nearly twenty have joined.

Each professor is allowed 1-8 of an acre to plant corn, potatoes, black-eyed peas, or lima beans and is expected to work his garden not less than 5 hours a week. The land has been ploughed and cleared, and professors with previous experience will instruct the uninitiated, while the farm demonstrator of Albemarle county will act as counsellor of the club.

Another shipment of Vegetable seeds in bulk; 10c per cup-Elliott